

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS30035 / H0018

This bill removes the sunset clause of Idaho Code 72-451 which was introduced and passed in 2019 as enumerated in 2019 Idaho Session Law, Chapter 68; making this statute permanent. Idaho Code 72-451 identifies Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) as an occupational injury that affects Idaho's first responders (as defined in statute). If a first responder has "clear and convincing" evidence of a physiological injury, the treatment would be handled through worker's compensation.

FISCAL NOTE

When Idaho Code 72-451 was amended in 2019, the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) anticipated an increase to workers compensation premiums. Since the passage of this legislation, overall base rates for these classes of employees are below the rate set in 2019. During the more than three years that these injuries have been eligible for coverage, \$1,491,755 has been paid out by the state insurance fund (which is funded by local municipalities). Of that total, medical costs comprised \$494,094 and indemnity paid out comprised \$997,661. There may be additional smaller compensation amounts paid out by self-insured municipalities. There is no fiscal impact to the general fund as there was no fiscal impact to the general fund in the original bill.

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